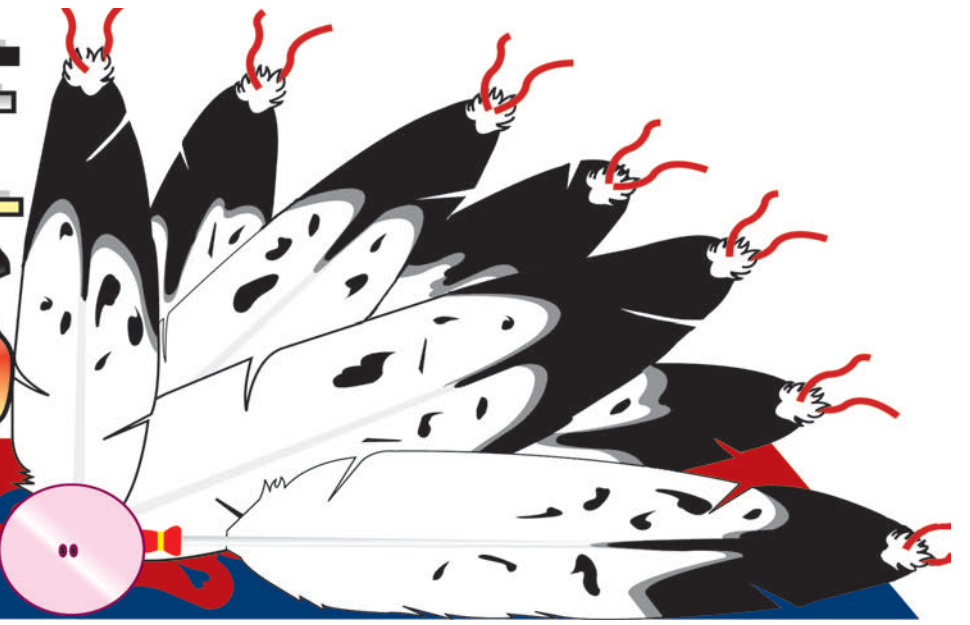


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High turn out at KPS Family Fun Day



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Ludene Balke-Smits, Menominee County Health and Human Services representative, hands a small girl a soup ladle to pick-a-duck for a prize while she patiently tries to get a duck. Smits and her son spent the day giving out prizes to happy children.

Roxie Bigfire

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The Keshena Primary School (KPS) held its annual Family Fun Day on the school grounds Saturday, May 4th, 2002 from 10 am through 2 pm.

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Menominee Tribe, Army Corp of Engineers, and BIA, meet on Exxon Mining Issues



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Tribal representatives of the Treaty Rights, Mining Impacts, Historic Preservation and Environmental Services departments of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, as well as the Menominee Chairman-Lisa Waukau met with the Bureau of Indian Affairs representatives and Army Corps of Engineers representative recently to discuss the Environmental impact of the Crandon Mine.

Roxie Bigfire

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On April 23, 2002, amidst the drumming of the Smokeytown singers, the Menominee Veterans Association posted the Menominee Eagle staff, the Menominee Flag, and the American Flag. Tribal representatives welcomed their guests for the day.

The Army Corp of Engineers representative, Colonel Robert Ball/Minnesota District Office, Jack Stevens of the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Washington, D.C., Chief of Regulatory/Minnesota District Office-Bob White and John Ollis-Crandon Mine Project Manager/ACOE/Minnesota Office, came to Keshena to meet with the Menominee Chairman, Lisa Waukau, the Office of

Menominee Treaty Rights and Mining Impacts, Kenneth Fish and Philip Seem, Environmental Services representative Doug Cox, and Historic Preservation's, David Grignon.

Five agenda items were discussed: Trust Responsibility, Consultation, The Army Corp of Engineers Budget, The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Time Schedules.

Before the start of the meeting, David Grignon said a Menominee prayer in hopes that the meeting would run smoothly.

Chairman Waukau took a strong stance against mining along the Wolf River. Waukau welcomed the guests to "our home of the Menominee Nation." She stated, "It's only fitting that this important gathering takes place with our seat of government,

overlooking the beautiful Wolf River...if you look out the window, you can see the lifeblood that Nahawquaw was talking about in his prayer. That river is what gives my people their sustenance and it has for thousands of years. Our tribal government, the Menominee Tribal Legislature, we have taken a very strong stand, Colonel against this foreign National Company. We have spent countless amounts of dollars to oppose this mine that you want to bring to our Nation. We have written thousands of letters and every year we have passed legislation and resolutions opposing this."

Waukau continued, "We have loaded bus after bus and taken people to Madison so that government down

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